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Dear CITES certificate holder:

Based on the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP13; October 2-14, 2004; Bangkok, Thailand), there are changes to the CITES Appendices **effective January 12, 2005**. They are summarized below, and the relevant information is available from the CITES Web site: www.cites.org. Refer either to Notifications to the Parties ([2004/073](http://www.cites.org/eng/nop/2004/073)) or to the new Appendices. As of January 12, 2005, if you ship specimens of the species which have been added to the CITES Appendices, or whose listed status has changed, your shipment will be stopped at the border or port. If you need to amend your Certificate of Artificially Propagated Plants (CAPP) as a result of these changes, please submit a request to the Division of Management Authority with application 3-200-33 (<http://forms.fws.gov/3-200-33.pdf>).

The following changes become effective January 12, 2005. All plants not qualifying for any of the exemptions must be accompanied by appropriate CITES documents.

Species	Change	Full Description of Change
<i>Aquilaria</i> spp. (agarwood)	listed in Appendix II	currently listed in Appendix II; as of January 12, 2005, all species in the genus will be included in Appendix II.
<i>Cattleya trianaei</i> (Christmas orchid)	downlisted from Appendix I to Appendix II	
<i>Chrysalidocarpus decipiens</i> (palm)	uplisted from Appendix II to Appendix I	
<i>Cistanche deserticola</i> (medicinal herb)	Appendix II, now subject to Annotation #1	
<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	Appendix II, changes to the exemptions	The existing annotation for <i>Euphorbia</i> species listed in Appendix II indicates specimens that are not subject to the provisions of CITES and is amended to include 1) artificially propagated specimens of crested, fan-shaped or color mutants of <i>Euphorbia lactea</i> (candelabra cactus) <u>grafted</u> on artificially propagated root stock of <i>Euphorbia neriifolia</i> , and 2) artificially propagated specimens of cultivars of <i>Euphorbia 'Mili'</i> <u>when</u> they are shipped in lots of 100 or more plants and are readily recognizable as artificially propagated plants.
<i>Gonystylus</i> spp. (ramin wood)	listed in Appendix II	
<i>Gyrinops</i> spp. (agarwood)	listed in Appendix II	

<i>Hoodia</i> spp. (medicinal herb)	listed in Appendix II, Annotation #9	
Orchidaceae	Appendix II, changes to the exemptions	As specified in the new annotation, artificially propagated orchid hybrids of the following genera are exempted from the controls of CITES: a. Interspecific hybrids within the genus and intergeneric hybrids of <i>Cymbidium</i> , <i>Phalaenopsis</i> , and <i>Vanda</i> , and interspecific hybrids within the genus known in horticulture as “ <i>nobiletypes</i> ” and “ <i>phalaenopsis-types</i> ” of <i>Dendrobium</i> <u>only when</u> the plants are shipped in a flowering state; are professionally processed for commercial retail sale; can be readily recognized as artificially propagated specimens and do not exhibit characteristics of wild origin; and are packaged and labeled as specified in the annotation in an easily verifiable way. b. Hybrids of <i>Cymbidium</i> , <i>Dendrobium</i> , <i>Phalaenopsis</i> , and <i>Vanda</i> <u>only when</u> the plants are shipped in lots (i.e., cartons, boxes or crates) containing 20 or more plants of the same hybrid; the plants within each container can be readily recognized; and the shipments are accompanied by documentation, such as an invoice, which clearly states the number of plants of each hybrid.
<i>Taxus chinensis</i> (Asian yew)	listed in Appendix II, annotation #10	For specimens of <i>Taxus chinensis</i> , <i>T. cuspidata</i> , <i>T. fuana</i> , <i>T. sumatrana</i> and all varietal forms (all intraspecific taxa) of these species, whole artificially propagated plants are not subject to the provisions of CITES, <u>provided</u> that plants are shipped in pots or other small containers, and that each consignment label or accompanying document includes the name of the species and/or varietal form, and are labeled ‘artificially propagated’.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i> (Asian yew)	listed in Appendix II, annotation #10	
<i>Taxus fuana</i> (Asian yew)	listed in Appendix II, annotation #10	
<i>Taxus sumatrana</i> (Asian yew)	listed in Appendix II, annotation #10	
<i>Taxus wallichiana</i> (Asian yew)	Appendix II, now subject to annotation #10	
<i>Vanda coerulea</i> (blue vanda)	downlisted from Appendix I to Appendix II	This exception does not apply to specimens of <i>Taxus wallichiana</i> .

Annotations:

#1 Designates all parts and derivatives, except:

- a) seeds, spores and pollen (including pollinia);
- b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers; and
- c) cut flowers of artificially propagated plants;

#9 Designates all parts and derivatives except those bearing a label “Produced from *Hoodia* spp. material obtained through controlled harvesting and production in collaboration with the CITES Management Authorities of Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa;”

#10 Designates all parts and derivatives except:

- a) seeds and pollen; and
- b) finished pharmaceutical products.

If you have questions, you may contact the Division of Management Authority at (800/703) 358-2104 ext 2186, or permits@fws.gov.